

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 290

To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. COLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF**
4 **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

5 (a) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX
6 PAYMENTS.—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code
7 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new subsection:

1 “(d) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to
2 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.”.

3 (b) TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.—

4 (1) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
5 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of subtitle
7 H of such Code is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

10 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with
11 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential
12 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment
13 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

14 (B) TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS.—

15 Section 9006 of such Code is amended by add-
16 ing at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER TER-
18 MINATION.—The Secretary shall transfer the amounts in
19 the fund as of the date of the enactment of this subsection
20 to the 10-Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund de-
21 scribed in section 9008(i)(2), to be available as described
22 in such section.”.

23 (2) TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.—Chapter 96
24 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by adding at
25 the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

2 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
3 candidate with respect to any presidential election after
4 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

5 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) The table of sections for chapter 95 of sub-
7 title H of such Code is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new item:

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”.

9 (2) The table of sections for chapter 96 of sub-
10 title H of such Code is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new item:

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

○